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Informed Consent Procedure for
Certain Hazardous Chemicals and
Pesticides in International Trade**Distr.: General
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**Technical work: review of notifications of final
regulatory action: hexabromocyclododecane****Hexabromocyclododecane: notification of final regulatory
action****Note by the Secretariat****I. Introduction**

1. In accordance with paragraph 5 of Article 5 of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, the Secretariat had previously received three notifications of final regulatory action for hexabromocyclododecane that meet the requirements of Annex I to the Convention from Parties in the following two prior informed consent regions:

- (a) Asia: China (industrial),¹ Japan (industrial);²
- (b) Europe: Norway (industrial).³

2. At its thirteenth meeting, the Chemical Review Committee reviewed the notifications from China, Japan and Norway, and agreed that while the notifications from Japan and Norway met all the criteria set out in Annex II to the Convention (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.13/19, para. 120), the notification from China did not meet the criteria (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.13/19, para. 117). Accordingly, the Committee recommended to the Conference of the Parties that hexabromocyclododecane be listed in Annex III to the Convention as an industrial chemical, decided to prepare a draft decision guidance document for the chemical and agreed on a workplan for preparing the document (decision CRC-13/2). The notifications and rationales for the conclusion are set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/INF/10.

3. The Secretariat has since received an additional notification of final regulatory action for hexabromocyclododecane that meets the requirements of Annex I from a Party in the North American prior informed consent region: Canada (industrial).⁴

4. The notification received from Canada is set out in the annex to the present note. Supporting documentation provided by Canada is set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/INF/9.

* UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/1.

¹ See PIC Circular XLV, June 2017.

² See PIC Circular XLIV, December 2016.

³ Ibid.

⁴ See PIC Circular XLVI, June 2018.

II. Proposed action

5. The Committee may wish:

(a) To review the information provided in the additional notification and supporting documentation from Canada related to hexabromocyclododecane in accordance with the criteria set out in Annex II to the Convention;

(b) To note its decision CRC-13/2 and the consideration at its fourteenth meeting of a draft decision guidance document on hexabromocyclododecane⁵ based on notifications of final regulatory action from Norway and Japan.

⁵ UNEP/FAO/CRC/14/4.

Annex

**Notification of final regulatory action for hexabromocyclododecane
in the industrial category submitted by Canada**

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